THANK YOU, MISTER GOMAR...

NOW I'M FINALLY ABLE TO FULFILL MY DESTINY AS A PALADIN!!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT I', LITTLE LADY.

BUT I WONDER...

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WHERE IS THAT WEIRD SHIELD O' YOURS?

BOOM

HOLY DOVE!!!

I-I HOPE EVERYTHING'S ALL RIGHT!

Capítulo IV
Square One

MISTER GOMAR!!!

A-ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

AH! KNOT! YOU ARRIVED JUST IN TIME!

KLINK

LOOK AT THIS, YOU FOUND YOURSELF SOME INTERESTING EQUIPMENT.

DID'YA KNOW YOUR SHIELD CAN DO THAT?

=Y-YEAH... IT HAPPENED ONCE, IN THE FOREST BUT I HAVE NO IDEA HOW IT WORKS!

BADOOM

ALRIGHT, I'MMA TELL YOU. EVERY TIME YOU HIT THIS SHIELD...

IT STORES THE ENERGY OF THE BLOW INSIDE ITSELF!

UNTIL IT REACHES A POINT IT CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE, THEN...

IT RELEASES THE ENERGY RIGHT QUICK, ALL AT ONCE!

OR AT LEAST IT'S WHAT I THINK IT IS! I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT!

I DON'T THINK I UNDERSTOOD IT VERY WELL, BUT... THANKS!

→LISTEN UP, IT'S REAL EASY! THE HARDER YOU HIT IT, THE STRONGER IT SPITS!←

BUT, TELL ME SOMETHIN'

DON'T YA WANNA SELL THAT THING?

WITH THE MONEY YOU'D GET, I COULD MAKE YA WAY BETTER ARMOR!

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NO WAY!!!

THIS SHIELD CHOSE ME! IT WASN'T BY CHANCE I FOUND IT!

WELL, I'M NOT SURPRISED, BUT I THOUGHT I MIGHT AT LEAST TRY!

SPEAKING ABOUT ARMOR, MR. GOMAR ...!!

IS MINE READY YET?

OH, YES!

OF COURSE IT'S READY!

TAKE A GANDER!

A SHINY NEW STEEL SWORD!

A NEW HANDLE ON YOUR SHIELD!

TA

DA

A PROTECTIVE CHAIN-MAIL!

NEWFANGLED VAMBRACES AND GREAVES!

SO? WADDYA THINK ABOUT IT?

→HEH HEH←

→OH...

DIDN'T LIKE IT?←

I WON'T LIE THAT I COULD ONLY WHIP THAT UP WITH THE MONEY YOU PAID ME...

THE SHOULDERPADS AND THE CHESTPIECE ARE MADE OF ELEPHANT'S SHOE SOLE, BUT I THINK IT CAN HANDLE IT...

I LOVE IT SO MUCH!!

THIS ARMOR ROCKS!

A-AH! ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT. CAN YOU PUT ME DOWN NOW?

YOU WILL HEAR ABOUT ME IN THE FUTURE, MISTER GOMAR!

GSH

WE'LL BUMP INTO EACH OTHER!!

L-LATER, KNOT!

DEAR DOVE, HOW DOES MS. ISABEEHLLE HANDLE THAT?

→AAAH! THIS NEW ARMOR IS SO COOL!

I'M FINALLY EQUIPPED TO JOIN MOM AND UNCLE GECKO!

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Bella Rock

Fortress City

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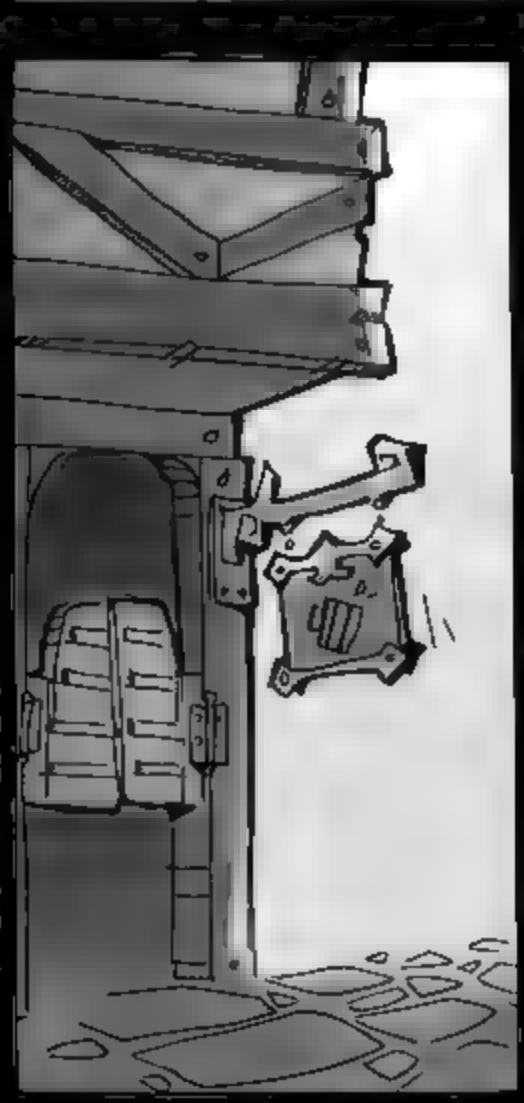

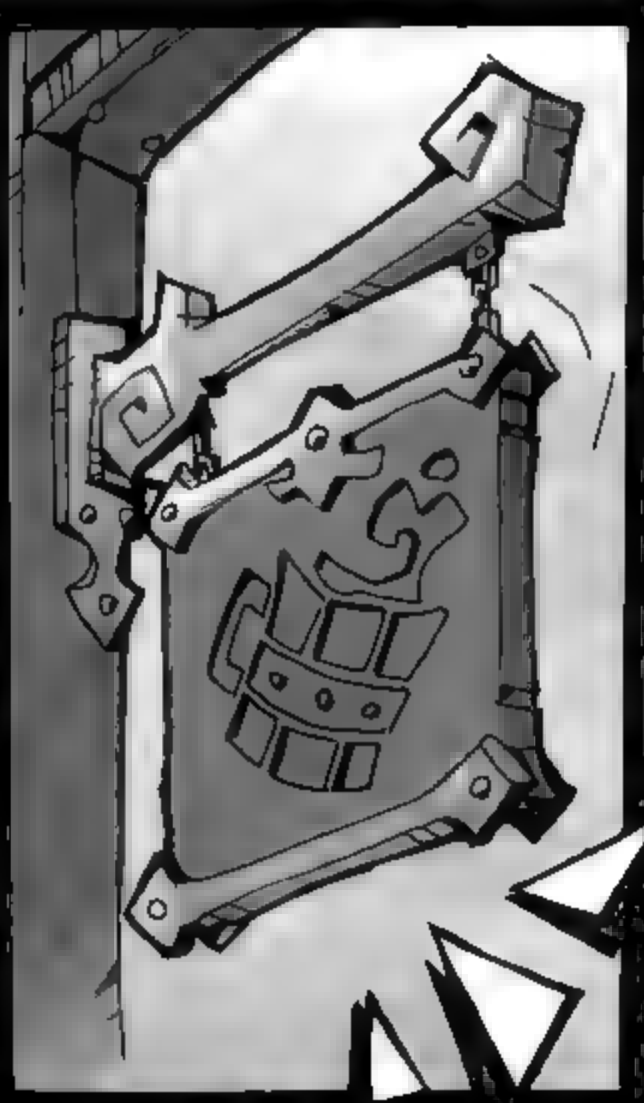

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MY, MY! WHAT CHAOS!

THIS TAVERN WASN'T THIS CROWDED LAST TIME WE PASSED!

Moosles Behur

EVERYONE HAS REASONS TO COME HERE AND FORGET ABOUT THEIR PROBLEMS LATELY.

DON'T YOU AGREE, MOOSCLES?

JOANNA... YOU KNOW YOU DON'T HAVE TO KEEP DOING IT, RIGHT?

REPRESENTING LAWS LIKE THAT...

WE'RE NOT RECRUITS ANYMORE.

MOOSCLES.

THE CAPITAL OBVIOUSLY WANTS A PALADIN TO SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THEIR LAW. ESPECIALLY WITH A LAW LIKE THAT.

BUT YOU DON'T AGREE WITH IT! AND THE MONOCLASS LAW ISN'T THE FIRST DUBIOUS LAW TO COME OUT OF THE COUNCIL LATELY!

I KNOW THAT. BUT I CAN'T LEAVE THE GUARD... AND EVEN THEN, I'M STILL WORRIED...

...WITH ALL OF THOSE THAT AREN'T GUILTY OF THE CAPITAL'S DECISION.

THOSE THAT BECAME TARGETS FOR THE ROYAL GUARDS...

AND THOSE THAT HAVE NO CHANCE TO ESCAPE THIS LAW.

THE GUARD IS NOT THE SAME ANYMORE, HUH...?

IT'S BEEN A WHILE.

JO... DO YOU REALLY WANT TO CONTINUE THIS?

SORRY I HAD TO GET YOU INVOLVED IN ALL OF THIS. AND MAKE YOU STAY AWAY FROM YOUR FAMILY.

BAMF!

W-

->WATER...

THUD

WATER!!! PLEASE!

UUH... IT'S ON THE HOUSE...

BOF

GLUP

GULP

SLOW DOWN, GIRL! YOU'LL DROWN YOURSELF, HEH!

LAST TIME I SAW SOMEONE DRINKING THAT FAST...

WAS WHEN HE BROKE THE "MOST BEERS IN ONE DAY" RECORD!

REGRET

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YOU MUST BE VERY BRAVE...

...TO WALK AROUND WEARING ARMOR IN TIMES LIKE THIS!

HAH! YOU THINK?! HEH, I LOOK SO COOL WEARING IT!

BRAVE? YOU'RE STUPID, NOT BRAVE.

WHAT?!

DON'T YOU KNOW THERE'S A KNIGHT ROAMING AROUND KILLING PEOPLE THAT DISRESPECT THE MONOCLASS LAW? YOU'LL END UP DEAD, DRESSING LIKE THAT.

IT DOESN'T MATTER! I'LL BECOME A PALADIN, NO MATTER THE COSTS!

THAT LAW IS LAME! I CAN'T BE THE ONLY ONE THAT THINKS IT.

YOUUU WANABE A VALA..LALADIN, CAT?! =HIC!

YOU SHOULD ZPEAK WITH -HIC!- THAT LAAAADYYY OVER THERE!!

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GYAAHH!

UHM... HELLO...!?

ARE YOU ALRIGHT... UH... CITIZEN?

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BSHLAR

SH-SHOULD I DO SOMETHING?

UH-- I HAVE NO IDEA, JO...

SDGUYJ ASDLKJ VBZDLF KJBHS DKFHBA KSUHFG

TAP

KNOT!

CAN I HELP YOU WITH ANYTHING?

BLL

BLL

->CHUIF<-

A-AH! SORRY FOR THE MESS.

->SNIF<-

IT'S JUST... YOU'RE AMAZING!

I ALWAYS READ ABOUT YOU AND YOUR ADVENTURES, BATTLES AND... YOU'RE AN INSPIRATION FOR ME!

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WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH! BUT I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING SPECIAL, I JUST SERVED MY PEOPLE!

NOTHING SPECIAL?!

YOU'VE DONE SO MUCH! EVER SINCE THAT TIME YOU LEAD ARMIES TO DEFEND THE CAPITAL FROM THE BARBARIAN ATTACK!

OR THAT TIME WHEN YOU DEFENDED THE FLOATING VILLAGES OF THE MOUNTAINS FROM A FURIOUS DRAGON!

THAT'S WHY I WANT TO BE A PALADIN, JUST LIKE YOU!

DO YOU HAVE ANY ADVICE FOR A BEGINNER LIKE ME?

ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THAT...?

THERE ARE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR BECOMING A PALADIN. SOME OF THOSE MAY BE OUT OF YOUR REACH.

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NO WORRIES!

JUST TELL ME WHAT TO DO, AND I'LL DO IT!

...EASY

YOUR NAME IS KNOT, RIGHT?

YOU KNOW ABOUT THE MONOCLASS LAW, RIGHT?

...YES.

SO YOU KNOW YOU HAVE TO CHOOSE ANOTHER CLASS.

WE DON'T LIKE THAT LAW EITHER, BUT WE ARE ROYAL GUARDS...

AND WE ARE TO ENFORCE IT, IF NEEDED.

YOU HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING TO BREAK IT YET... YOU'RE STILL YOUNG, USE THAT OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE, AND ADAPT.

I'LL...

I'LL THINK ABOUT IT.

...SORRY TO BOTHER...

VV

USH

DD

IF, EVEN THEY DON'T AGREE WITH THAT LAW.

WHY SHOULD I?

GCH!

!

ZIP

SHOO

THAT'S...

He Heh

Heh

THAT'S MY CHANCE!

KSHAA

I'LL SHOW THEM GOT WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A PALADIN!

KSHAA

eHe

He

Heh

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STOP RIGHT THERE, YOU LAND RAT!

TCH

VUP

HEY!

WHA- WHERE DID HE GO?

UP THERE ALREADY?

GET DOWN THERE, YOU RUSTLER!

RUSTLER...?

WHO THE HELL TALKS LIKE THAT?

YEAH, GO FLY A KITE, DUDE!

HEY, YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY THAT EASILY!

Nuzzles

The young rogue

I SAW YOU TAKING MONEY FROM THAT INNOCENT CIVILIAN!

HUNF

-HUFF

AND I'LL CHASE YOU UNTIL -HUFF- JUSTICE IS -PUFF- SERVED!!

HOW ARE YOU DOWN THERE ALREADY?!!

PLOFT

HOW LONG DOES THIS CRAZY LADY PLAN TO KEEP FOLLOWING ME? I CAN'T GO TO THE HIDEOUT LIKE THIS!

HOLD IT, YOU OUTLAW! STOP TURNING YOUR BACK TO JUSTICE!

YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME...

OKAY, ARE YOU EVEN WITH THE ROYAL GUARD?

UH... NO?

THEN WHY ARE YOU ON MY ASS?

BUT YOU STOLE THAT MONEY WITHOUT EVEN..

AAAARGH!!

GO TAKE CARE OF YOUR OWN LIFE!!

HEY! BOTH OF YOU!

MISTER GUARD, HE WAS STEALING MONEY FROM PEOPLE!

A PICKPOCKETER ...

AND A GIRL GOING AGAINST THE MONOCLASS LAW.

ARE YOU SERIOUS RIGHT NOW?

STOP RIGHT THERE!

LET'S BOUNCE, KITTY! THINGS WENT SOUTH!!

B-BUT I WAS JUST GOING TO TURN YOU IN..

WHATEVER! AN OUTLAW THAT TURNS ANOTHER OUTLAW IN IS STILL AN OUTLAW!

AND WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU'RE GONNA TURN ME IN?!

AAAAAH!!! SORRY!!

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DON

AN INQUISITOR!

SO THAT MEANS...

...IT'S NOT OUR PROBLEM ANYMORE.

UH... I THINK THEY STOPPED FOLLOWING US...

HOLD IT!

WH- WHAT'S UP?

IS THAT ...

A ROYAL GUARD?

GG...

GG!

SHAA!

the Dark Knight

THAT'S.... THATS THE KILLER KNIGHT PEOPLE MENTIONED IN THE TAVERN!

SO.... IS THIS WHAT HAPPEND TO THOSE THAT GO AGAINST THE MONOCLASS LAW?

AND I GOT HIM INVOLVED IN THIS MESS...

H-HEY ...

I KNOW I'M THE ONE THAT PUT US BOTH IN THIS MESS.

BUT I THINK THE ONLY CHANCE WE GOT AGAINST THIS GUY...

IS IF WE FIGHT TOGETHER!!

KCH

ZOOH!

DD

FZSHH...

VVV

DSWH!

ZNNK!

?

WHACK
GASHAT!

KRASH

NO

HOW DID THAT...

END UP LIKE THIS?